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Statement by the President of the Security Council

At the 5885th meeting of the Security Council, held on 2 May 2008, in connection with the Council's consideration of the item entitled "The situation in Myanmar", the President of the Security Council made the following statement on behalf of the Council:

"The Security Council reaffirms its statements of 11 October (S/PRST/2007/37) and 15 November 2007 and all the expectations expressed in those statements.

"The Security Council takes note of the announcement by the Government of Myanmar of a referendum on a draft constitution in May 2008 and elections in 2010. It further notes the commitment by the Government of Myanmar to ensure that the referendum process will be free and fair. The Security Council underlines the need for the Government of Myanmar to establish the conditions and create an atmosphere conducive to an inclusive and credible process, including the full participation of all political actors and respect for fundamental political freedoms.

"The Security Council reaffirms its unwavering support for the Secretary-General's good offices mission and expresses its appreciation for the work of his Special Adviser, Ibrahim Gambari. The Security Council encourages the Government of Myanmar and all parties concerned to cooperate fully with the United Nations.

"The Security Council welcomes the important role that the ASEAN countries continue to play in supporting the United Nations good offices mission.

"The Security Council affirms its commitment to the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Myanmar and, in that context, reiterates that the future of Myanmar lies in the hands of all of its people.

"The Security Council remains seized of the matter."

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